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## **LEONARD ISSUES WARNING TO BEWARE OF C.O.D. SCAM**

Bill Leonard, Member, State Board of Equalization (BOE) today warned taxpayers they should be aware of a scam involving C.O.D. package deliveries purported to be from the BOE.

The C.O.D. packages are delivered by someone claiming to be from a common carrier that typically offers same-day or overnight delivery. The delivery person asks for cash payment of an \$18.50 C.O.D. charge. It has been determined that the packages and the C.O.D. forms are fraudulent. Although not a widespread problem, BOE takes these incidents seriously.

Several incidents have been reported in northern and southern California in which a C.O.D. package is delivered that is addressed from the California State Board of Equalization, 1891 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816. This address is not a valid BOE address.

Business owners can protect themselves by knowing these facts:

- The Board of Equalization never sends materials C.O.D.
- Delivery people usually wear uniforms and carry photo identification.

Any attempt to deliver a C.O.D. package addressed from the State Board of Equalization should be considered suspicious and be reported to local law enforcement, and to the State Board of Equalization's Information Center at 1-800-400-7115, or to Darlene Allen, Chief, Internal Security and Audit Division, State Board of Equalization, at (916) 445-2918.

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